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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD

SUBJECT: Cost for Special Airlift

- 1. This memorandum is not intended to question the decision made regarding the special airlift of fuel for Detachment H, rather, it is an effort to set the record straight on figures that are pulled from "top of the head" estimates which may influence decisions.
- 2. A review of AFR 76-28A, dated 1 June 1959, obtained from Air Force this date as a current publication, reveals that the hourly charge levied for governmental and quasi-governmental agencies for use of a C-124C is \$518. With an estimated 40 hours flying time from Texas to Detachment H the over-all cost would be in the neighborhood of \$20,720. Unquestionably additional costs may be incurred by more finite computation in accordance with the basic regulation, however, this approximation is near enough to show that even if the aircraft were returned to the ZI empty and the charges for both flights came to approximately \$50,000 the estimate of spending \$90,000 to do this job is unjustified.

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